

REMARKS

Claims 1-52 are pending in the present application.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Jung for the telephone conversation on January 26, 2007. As discussed in that conversation, Applicants have amended claim 8 to insert an inadvertently omitted comma between "biotin" and "streptavidin." One of skill in the art would recognize this as an obvious typographical error. Further support for this amendment can be found in the specification as filed, e.g., at page 17, lines 22-24; page 18, lines 8 to 14; and page 20, lines 22-25. No new matter has been added.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Responsive to the action mailed November 29, 2006, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-25. The election is made with traverse, insofar as Applicants retain the right to rejoin the claims in Groups II and III upon a finding that the claims of Group I are patentable.

Applicants further select the following species.

List No	Description	Selected Species	Reads on Claims
I	Substrate Coating	Streptavidin	1-10
II(a)	Immobilization (a)	Biotin-Streptavidin	1-9, 11-17, 19-23, 25
II(b)	Immobilization (b)	Biotin-Streptavidin	1-9, 11-16, 18-22, 24-25
III(a)	Costimulatory Antibodies (a)	anti-CD11a	11-13, 15-18
III(b)	Costimulatory Agents (b)	B7-1	11, 12, 14-19
IV	Anti-Factor Antibodies	IFN γ	19-25

Applicants note that the two terms "biotin" and "streptavidin" were combined into a single species in the action (see page 4), as a comma separating the two was inadvertently omitted. Applicants have amended claim 8 to correct this obvious error, and request that the Examiner consider each a separate species, and begin prosecution with "streptavidin."

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If the Examiner feels that it would advance prosecution of this application, she is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at (617) 956-5985.

A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, along with the required fee of \$60 is enclosed. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 07917-212001.

Respectfully submitted,

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